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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Arntzen et al.

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For: The Use of Mixed Duplex  
Oligonucleotides to Effect  
Genetic Changes in Plants

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Response to Restriction RequirementAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 12, 1999.

Applicants hereby elect <sup>27 (w/ traverse)</sup> without traverse Group I, drawn to methods of making localized mutation in a target gene, encompassing claims 1-4, 8-30 and 50-53.

Applicants note that the invention of Group IV, claims 54-72, is drawn to plants and seeds having specific point mutations and that the Restriction Requirement incorrectly recites that the invention of Group IV concerns methods of making such mutations.

Respectfully submitted,

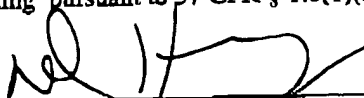
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